

Message from the Mayor



Don't forget to Vote!



To Maryland voters: The State Board of Elections has announced that applications for mail-in ballots are being sent to every eligible voter. These are **NOT** voting ballots, you have to fill in the form in order to receive a mail-in ballot. You can choose to have it delivered via U.S Mail, internet delivery, or fax. If you have not received an application, you should ask for your mail in ballot online at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>.

The deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot is **Tuesday, October 20, 2020. You must mail or hand deliver the actual ballot.** Want to see early voting and election day voting centers? Click on <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/31696/Approved-EV-and-EDVCs-for-2020-Presidential-General-Election>.

Voters may vote at any of the polling locations listed. This includes but is **Not limited to**:

- Oxon Hill High School: 6701 Leyte Drive, Oxon Hill MD 20745
- Potomac High School: 5211 Boydell Avenue, Oxon Hill MD 20745
- Southern Regional Technology Complex: 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington MD 20744

Drop off boxes for ballots will be announced at a later date. The State Board of Elections will send out a mailing in October that will tell you where and when you can vote in person.

If you have not registered to vote, the deadline to register is **Tuesday, October 13, 2020**. Early voting runs from October 26-November 2, with Election day on **November 3, 2020**. We encourage anyone with further questions to visit the state/county board of elections website, or call 800-222-8683.

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.

Forest Heights School Supply Drive Thru Giveaway



The Town of Forest Heights has a tradition where we give out backpacks and school supplies at our Forest Heights Day Festival. Because we could not have that this year, we had a special drive thru giveaway event on Saturday, September 12, 2020, to resounding success. Even if the schools are closed, students still need supplies to help them with distance learning. The event was wonderful, we had a great turn out. We gave away 250 bookbags and signed up 13 people for the 2020 Census.

People were requesting voter registration forms; we had Flintstone Elementary School Principal Brandi Stinson on site asking students if they had all the equipment that they needed and were they able to get online. We gave

away 75 bags of food and had excellent volunteer support.

We thank District 8 County Councilwoman Monique Anderson-Walker her staff Carla Cash and Courtney Mariette for help making this a success. Councilwoman Anderson-Walker provided the food that we gave out. Thanks to County Councilman at Large Calvin Hawkins for his support. Our thanks goes to Ms. Tish Ingram, Costco and Dollar Tree. Without their support we couldn't have made this happen.



Community News

Upcoming Shredding Event

Do you have papers that need to be shredded, old documents that need to be cleaned out of your house? The Town of Forest Heights plans to host its Fall Shredding on **Saturday, October 24, 2020** from 9AM-12PM. Bring any documents you would like to see shredded such as those with sensitive information.



Do Not bring any 3 ring binders, staples, or paper clips. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be some additional precautions taken to ensure the safety of everyone involved. This includes requirements to wear a face mask and stay in your car during the event. We appreciate your cooperation for everyone's safety. We look forward to seeing you there!



Town of Forest Heights: Newspaper Delivery Drivers Wanted

The Town of Forest Heights is looking for people interested in delivering the Town Newsletter. We publish about once a month to 950 houses and businesses. We are looking for

a more direct way to deliver time sensitive updates and events to our residents. Can be done on weekends.



Interested in earning extra money? Call us at 301-839-1030.

Forest Heights Family Movie Nights

The Town of Forest Heights will be holding 2 movie nights at the Community Gathering Space (next to Henrys) on **Friday, October 9**, and **Friday, October 30, 2020** at 7PM. We hope that you will join us for a fun family night. We ask that everyone wear a mask. Groups will be kept 6 feet apart. Check the Forest Heights website and Facebook for more updates! Movies to be determined.

Social Distancing Is Still the Key

Outside Seating

Keep seating simple and bring your own chair

Forest Heights Police Department Calls for Service August 2020

911 DISCONNECT	26	STOLEN VEHICLE	3
ACCIDENT	9	SUBJECT STOP	4
ARMED PERSON	1	SUICIDE	1
ATT SUICIDE COMBINED	1	SUSPICIOUS AUTO	6
BREAK IN REPORT	1	SUSPICIOUS OCC AUTO	5
CHECK WELFARE	4	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2
CHECK WELFARE COMB.	5	THEFT FROM AUTO	3
CPR COMBINED	1	THEFT JO	1
DISORDERLY	18	THEFT REPORT	2
DOMESTIC	4	THREATS COMPLAINT	1
FAMILY DISPUTE	9	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	6
FIGHT	2	TRAFFIC HAZARD	1
FRAUD	1	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	14
HIT AND RUN	3	VANDALISM	5
LOCK OUT	1	VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMB	4
LOUD MUSIC COMPLAINT	2	Total Calls Handled: 272	
MISC POLICE INCIDENTS	12		
PARTY COMPLAINT	1		
PED STRUCK COM.	1		
PREMISE CHECK	103		
PROPERTY DAMAGE	4		
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	4		
SCHOOL ALARM	1		

POLICE STATION

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

Operating

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

301-839-4040

(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)

(301) 352-1200



Community News

Senior Exercise Group

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Town of Forest Heights has had to cancel large gatherings in the Municipal Building, including the Healthy Heights Seminar Series and the Forest Heights Senior Exercise class in the interest of public safety. We understand that this has been difficult for everyone. There will now be a outdoor exercise class held at **the Town Gathering Space** next to Henry's on Tuesdays and Thursdays at **6:00 PM** until further notice, weather permitting.



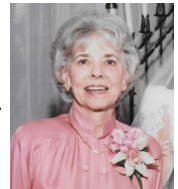
Columbus Day October 12

Trash Services will be on schedule during Columbus Day on Monday, October 12, 2020.



We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Margaret Redmond on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Her service was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the Kalas Funeral Home. Our hearts are with her friends, family, and neighbors.

Town of Forest Heights Mayor, Council and Staff



[FREE COVID-19 TESTS]

FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- NO APPOINTMENT
- NO DOCTOR'S NOTE
- NO SYMPTOMS NEEDED
- NO INSURANCE NEEDED

CALL 311 FOR TESTING SITE LOCATIONS

Prince George's County HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Billing assistance available.



Pepco is offering billing assistance during this time. They are offering multiple services for either alternate bill payments, or assistance with the electric bill if you are unable to pay.

To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.pepco.com/SafetyCommunity/Safety/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>
Or call 202-833-7500.

Keep your Sidewalk Clean: As we enter fall, please take the time to rake up any Yard Waste and keep it from spilling on the sidewalk. Grass clippings can be a tripping hazard, especially after wet weather. Failure to sweep up Yard Waste is subject to a fine under Article 19.1 of the Town Ordinance.

Community News and Weatherization Resources



Happy Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15, 2020 through October 15, 2020, celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. We encourage residents to observe and celebrate Hispanic culture this month. Be sure to check out resources such as the Smithsonian Institution's Latino Center, which has a number of activities that can be done remotely. The American Art Museum is featuring relevant exhibits.

Weatherization Assistance Available

Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or online at <http://www.e2f2.us/blog/>. Applications can be dropped off at the mailbox at the municipal building. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, email Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins at shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Anyone who meets the income requirements is welcome to apply.

Please contact Lt. (Ret) James (Jim) Flynn 240-417-9098 (cell), Fax# 240-786-4186, or Alison Miller 301-908-4079 to verify.

All homeowners must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation of income.
Page 1 and Page 2 of Federal Income Tax Return form 1040

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1 ➡	\$69,800.00	2 ➡	\$79,750.00
3 ➡	\$89,700.00	4 ➡	\$99,600.00
5 ➡	\$107,600.00	6 ➡	\$115,600.00
7 ➡	\$123,600.00	8 ➡	\$131,600.00



Habitat for Humanity offers critical repair services for Prince George's County and Montgomery County residents.

Services can include the following based on eligibility: exterior doors, siding, roof repair, HVAC repair, insulation, plumbing, and other health and safety related repairs. These are based on income and other requirements, such as being a homeowner for at least 1 year, and having current homeowner's insurance

Interested in obtaining an application? The Town of Forest Heights has applications available. Email your Town Councilmembers for more information. Emails are found on page 8 of the Newsletter and on the Town website. The deadline to apply is **November 1**, call if you have any questions.

Christmas in April

Are you or someone you know elderly and/or disabled and need repairs done for your home? The non-profit group Christmas in April is now accepting applications for their 2021 program on April 24, 2021. Their mission is to renovate the houses of those in need, such as seniors and the disabled, so that they can continue to live in safety and independence.



The deadline for applications is November 1, 2020. Applications are available online at <http://www.christmasinaprilpg.org/> and in the Municipal Building. Need help getting an application? Call 301-839-1030.

Applications fill out fast, so don't delay. If you have questions you may call them at 301-868-0937. We look forward to helping you with much needed repairs to your home.

Community News

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture and status. It's not just punches and black eyes -- it's yelling, humiliation, stalking, manipulation, coercion, threats and isolation.

It's stealing a paycheck, keeping tabs online, non-stop texting, constant use of the silent treatment, or calling someone stupid so often they believe it. Learn how to recognize the signs of abuse. For more information, visit the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at <https://ncadv.org/>



For anonymous, confidential help, 24/7, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).



In the midst of COVID-19, it's easy to forget about other health emergencies. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Prince George's County Breast and Cervical Program, in partnership with Doctors Community Hospital, is offering free mammograms for qualifying individuals.

Are you a Prince George's County resident?

Are you uninsured, under-insured, or low income?

Are you between the ages of 40 and 65?

To learn more, call 301-552-8524.

Prince George's County COVID Testing sites

Prince George's County has several permanent testing locations for COVID-19, with pop up locations announced on their website at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/COVID-19-Testing>. Here are the updated locations, addresses, and hours of operation. Patients do not need an appointment, doctor's note, or insurance to get tested.

Cheverly Health Center

3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD 20785

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

D. Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center

9314 Piscataway Drive, Clinton MD 20735

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Laurel-Beltville Senior Activity Center

7120 Contee Rd, Laurel, MD 20707

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center

8001 Sheriff Road Landover, MD 20785

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adventist Medical Group

10709 Indian Head Highway, Suite D, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville

6201 Belcrest Rd. Hyattsville, MD, 20782

Mondays and Saturdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Langley Park/Chillum area

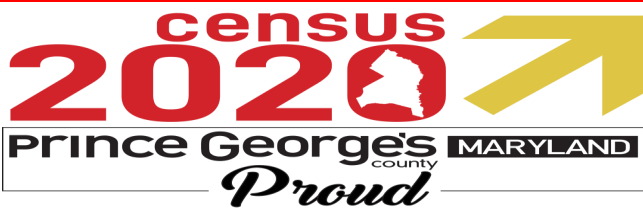
Rollingcrest-Chillum Recreation Center

6120 Sargent Rd, Chillum, MD 20782

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Community News



Thank you for completing the 2020 Census

The Census concludes on September 30. It is important because it determines how much funding a community gets for the resources it needs. This affects everything from school construction, to road maintenance, to support for community improvement projects. Thanks to everyone who has made this incredible endeavor possible.



Thank you County Councilwoman Monique Anderson-Walker for your commitment to District 8 and to Forest Heights. Councilwoman Anderson-Walker has been of tremendous help to the Town. She and her staff donate lunches for our Police Department, supporting our Town during the pandemic. Be sure to check out Council Connect for updates in District 8.



"Serving the People's Movement!"

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDPGCLEG/bulletins/29a3049>

Councilmember Calvin S Hawkins has helped to put together resources for PG County residents as a way to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage everyone to check on the above link. It helps to give updates on the County response, informs you about upcoming Zoom meetings, and lets you know what is being done, from increased contact tracing and testing to senior meal delivery, to help you during this time.

We encourage you to check out Council Connect for a whole variety of resources for the community including shredding events, food drives, and back to school events.

County Assistance Information

The Prince George's County Health Department offers **FREE COVID-19 tests for individuals with or without symptoms** that have been exposed to or suspected to have been exposed to a COVID-19-positive person. Patients do not need an appointment or a doctor's prescription to get tested. All County-run testing sites accommodate testing for those in a car or on foot. Additional questions? Call the **coronavirus hotline at 301-883-6627** between the hours of **8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday through Friday**.

If you are facing an illegal eviction, you may seek free legal assistance from any the following (more available online): **Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc.** (240-391-6370), **CASA** (MD, Prince George's County Welcome Center), 240-821-5816 or 240-491-5784, or **Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. of Prince George's County**, 301-429-8743. Non jury trials have resumed since August 31, with full court operations scheduled to begin on **October 5, 2020**.

Back to School 2020

Prince George's County Schools will continue distance learning at least through the end of the second term in January. Resources are still available for students and parents. Nine Parent Centers will be **open Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Parents may call **240-696-3315** during these hours for live assistance or to book an appointment at a center. The closest Parent Center will be Thurgood Marshall Middle School at **4909 Brinkley Road** in Temple Hills. All visitors to these centers should wear a mask.

Multi-day, pre-packaged breakfasts and lunches are available for pick up and delivery at most schools on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.



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Local Forest Heights
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Community News (continued)

Pet Waste Station Reminder

The graphic features a cartoon dog thinking about pooping, with the text "WHAT HAPPENS when you don't Scoop that Poop?". It includes a logo for "DO YOUR DOODY SCOOP That POOP" and a slogan "scoop IT. bag IT. trash IT.". A box encourages joining with other proud Prince George's pet parents and pledging to #ScoopThatPoopPGE at environment.mypgc.us. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are shown, along with a QR code. The URL <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/179/Environment> is provided, along with the phone number 311. Logos for Prince George's County and the Department of the Environment are also present.

DO YOUR DOODY SCOOP That POOP

scoop IT. bag IT. trash IT.

Join with other proud Prince George's pet parents and pledge to #ScoopThatPoopPGE at environment.mypgc.us

[@PGCSpout](https://www.facebook.com/pgcspout) [PGCSpout](https://www.instagram.com/pgcspout)

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/179/Environment>
For more information call 311 or go to environment.mypgc.us.

WHAT HAPPENS when you don't Scoop that Poop?

- 1 DOGS POOP IN THE YARD, PARK OR DOG PARK
- 2 DECOMPOSITION BEGINS - DISEASE CAUSING BACTERIA & PARASITES SEEP INTO THE SOIL
- 3 DISEASE CAUSING BACTERIA & PARASITES TRAVEL WITH RAIN WATER RUNOFF
- 4 HARMFUL BACTERIA & PARASITES BECOME PART OF LOCAL STREAMS, RIVERS & LAKES
- 5 PEOPLE PLAY IN & GET IN CONTACT WITH THE CONTAMINATED WATER
- 6 PEOPLE GET SICK

Important Town Help Numbers

If you need to reach the Town of Forest Heights, please call **301-839-1030** for the Admin Department.

For the Forest Heights Police Department or Code Enforcement, dial **301-839-4040**.

For Public Works, dial **240-993-9243**.

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Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m. Building closed until further notice.